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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Commissioners on Firemen's Relief

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1939

Department of Treasurer and Receiver General



COMMISSIONERS ON FIREMEN'S RELIEF OF MASSACHUSETTS

1939

GEORGE F. COBB, Boston, *Chairman*DANIEL J. LOONEY, Boston, *Secretary*WILLIAM E. HURLEY, Boston, *State Treasurer*

(Appointed by the Governor)

GEORGE F. COBB, Boston.....Term Expires December 1939

VINCENT C. STANLEY, Newton.....Term Expires December 1940

(Elected by State Firemen's Association)

EDWARD J. COVENEY, Boston.....Term Expires September 1940

MICHAEL F. TURNER, Newton.....Term Expires September 1941

LEGISLATION

General Laws, Chapter 10

COMMISSIONERS ON FIREMEN'S RELIEF

SECTION 21. There shall be a board to be known as the commissioners on firemen's relief serving in the department and consisting of the state treasurer, ex officio, two members appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council and two members appointed by the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association. Upon the expiration of the term of office of an appointive member, his successor shall be appointed as aforesaid for two years. Any vacancy existing shall be filled for the unexpired term in the manner of the original appointment.

General Laws, Chapter 48

FIREMEN'S RELIEF

SECTION 81. The sum of seventeen thousand four hundred eighty six dollars and twenty seven cents may be paid annually from the state treasury to furnish relief to firemen injured in the performance of their duty at a fire or going thereto or returning therefrom or while engaged in company drills, when such drills are ordered by the chief, acting chief or board of engineers of the fire department, or required by city ordinance or town by-law. Payments on account of said relief shall be determined in manner and amount, on properly approved vouchers, by the commissioners on firemen's relief, in the same manner as other claims against the Commonwealth. Three hundred eighty six dollars and twenty seven cents of the amount hereby authorized may be expended for the traveling and incidental expenses of said commissioners.

SECTION 82. Any officer or member in active service in an incorporated protective department co-operating with a fire department and any person performing the duties of a fireman in a town having no organized fire department, shall be entitled to the benefits provided by the preceding section.

STATISTICS

Appropriation 1939

Relief	\$17,100.00
Incidentals, appropriation	386.27
Total	<u>\$17,486.27</u>

Payments 1939

Relief:	
Claims	\$15,094.00
Minor Children	<u>1,986.00</u>
Incidentals:	
Clerical work	\$175.25
Traveling Expenses	91.10
Printing	12.50
Postage	15.21
Supplies	<u>4.19</u>
Total Relief and Incidental Expenses.....	<u>\$17,378.25</u>
Balance	\$108.02

Financial statement verified.

Approved.

GEO. E. MURPHY, *Comptroller*.

Claims of Injured Firemen

CITIES and TOWNS	Call Men	Permanent Men	Investi- gated	Re- jected	Amounts
Beverly	1	—	1	1	\$105.00
Boston	—	272	42	8	8,573.00
Braintree	—	1	—	—	27.00
Brockton	—	6	1	1	171.00
Cambridge	—	5	—	—	255.00
Chelsea	—	4	2	—	256.00
Chicopee	—	1	—	—	35.00
Essex	1	—	—	—	14.00
Everett	—	2	—	—	111.00
Fall River	—	17	—	—	677.00
Gardner	1	—	—	—	200.00
Haverhill	—	1	—	—	100.00
Holyoke	—	6	—	—	235.00
Kingston	1	—	—	—	40.00
Lowell	—	7	2	—	242.00
Lynn	—	5	—	—	365.00
Marlborough	1	—	—	—	36.00
Medford	—	1	—	—	10.00
Milford	2	—	—	—	298.00
Millis	1	—	—	—	38.00
Milton	—	1	—	—	18.00
New Bedford	—	3	—	—	258.00
Newton	—	5	1	—	165.00
North Andover	1	—	—	—	112.00
Peabody	—	2	—	—	23.00
Pittsfield	1	3	—	—	250.00
Plymouth	1	—	—	—	14.00
Quincy	—	5	—	—	186.00
Revere	—	3	—	—	84.00
Salem	2	1	—	—	158.00
Somerville	—	4	—	—	191.00
Southbridge	1	—	—	—	80.00
Springfield	—	2	—	—	171.00
Swansea	2	—	—	—	194.00
Taunton	—	7	2	—	359.00
Ware	1	—	—	—	36.00
Webster	1	—	—	—	34.00
Wakefield	1	—	—	—	24.00
Waltham	—	1	—	—	95.00
Winthrop	1	—	—	—	46.00
Woburn	3	—	—	—	310.00
Worcester	—	14	3	2	498.00

\$15,094.00

Claims considered 414 Claims allowed 402 Accident Claims Rejected 12

Claims of Minor Children

CITIES AND TOWNS	Number of Beneficiaries	Total Number of Weeks	Amount of Benefits Paid at \$2 per week
Boston	6	299	\$598.00
Chicopee	1	52	104.00
Fall River	9	382	764.00
Lexington	1	52	104.00
Randolph	2	104	208.00
Westboro	2	104	208.00
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